

REMARKS

The foregoing amendment is presented to correct some formal matters in the Examiner's Amendment dated August 11, 2004. Specifically, the term " μm " has been corrected to read " μl " in allowed Claims 30 and 31 to correct an apparent clerical error, and the term " μ " has been corrected to read " μm " in allowed Claim 34, for consistency of nomenclature with allowed Claim 29. In addition, although the Notice of Allowability indicated that Claims 29-34 had been allowed, remaining Claims 2-5, 8, and 24-26 were intended to remain in the case and have not been canceled by the Examiner's Amendment. Accordingly, upon entry of this amendment, Claims 2-5, 8, and 24-26 are amended to depend from allowed Claim 29 instead of from original Claim 1 and should also be indicated by the Examiner as being allowable.

The foregoing amendments relate to formal matters in the claims without changing the scope thereof (MPEP § 714.16), and no new matter or issues of patentability are believed to be raised. Entry of this amendment and an indication of allowance of Claims 2-5, 8, 24-26, and 29-34 are requested.

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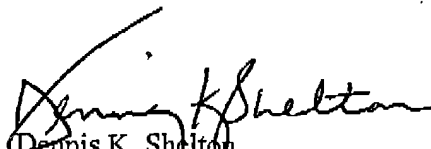
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The Examiner is further requested to contact the applicants' representative at the number set forth below if he has any questions or remaining issues regarding these amendments.

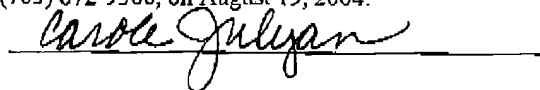
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